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SUBJ:YOUTH FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEES MASQUERADE AS
REPRESENTATIVES

1. THE SELF-STYLED CARIBBEAN PREPARATORY COMMITTEES FOR THE
WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS MET IN BARBADOS MAY 1-3
UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE OF THE CARIBBEAN
CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (CCC). THE MEETING CLAIMED REPRESEN-
TATIVES FROM 18 CARIBBEAN STATES WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD
PARTICIPATE IN THE HAVANA FESTIVAL. THE MEETING IN BRIDGETOWN
PASSED, AMONG OTHERS, RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON THE CARIBBEAN
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO MEET SOON; CONDEMNING THE USG FOR
QUOTE ACTIVELY TRYING TO FORCE CESSATION OF BELIZEAN TERRITORY
TO GUATEMALA UNQUOTE: AND ASKING CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS TO
SEVER RELATIONS WITH SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION, A
CONTROVERSIAL CANADIAN COMPANY.

2. COMMENT: OVERALL COORDINATOR FOR THE MEETING WAS
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JACQUELINE CREFT, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF THE CCC'S CADEC
ARM IN GRENADA. THE SO-CALLED REPRESENTATIVES WERE
PRIMARILY MEMBERS OF THE GUILD OF UNDERGRADUATES AT
UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES CAVE HILL CAMPUS WHOSE
ATTENDANCE AT THE SESSIONS WE BELIEVE WAS NEITHER
REPRESENTATIVE OF NOR SUPPORTED BY ANY OF THE GOVERN-
MENTS OR RULING PARTIES WITHIN THE NINE ISLANDS OR

ISLAND-GROUPS SERVED BY THIS EMBASSY. CCC'S YOUTH COMMITTEE AND PRO-CUBAN PARTIES OR GROUPS IN GRENADA, ANTIGUA, ST. VINCENT AND ST. LUCIA APPARENTLY PICKED UP TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO BARBADOS FOR ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT OF THOSE ATTENDING. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE JAMAICAN AND GUYANESE STUDENTS AT MEETINGS WERE ACTUALLY REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT PREPARATORY COMMITTEES SINCE NEITHER ATTENDANCE LISTS NOR COPIES OF RESOLUTIONS FINALLY ADOPTEDWERE CIRCULATED AFTER THE MEETING. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE LOCAL MEDIA, PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING WERE TOLD THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO RAISE THEIR OWN FUNDS FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN CUBA, (US \$300-400 EACH). END COMMENT.

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